

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims.

Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101, on the grounds that they were considered to be non-statutory since they do not recite a physical limitation. In response thereto, claim 1 now explicitly recites that the claimed method is directed to the testing of a random number generator in an electronic device. It is respectfully submitted that the claims are clearly directed to a physical embodiment.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 were rejected under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112. The rejection questions the meaning of the term "test parameter block" appearing in claim 1. To remove the basis for the rejection, the noted phrase has been deleted from claim 1.

The claims were identified as being allowable once the above-identified rejections were overcome. In view of the forgoing, it is respectfully submitted that the base for the rejections of the claims have been removed. Accordingly, the claims are submitted to be in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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